

Public Release of the Final EIS/EIR

The day the Notice of Availability (NOA) is published in the Federal Register by the EPA, the Final EIS/EIR will be sent to the public.

Copies of the Final EIS/EIR will be sent to Reclamation - Washington D.C. on the 12th and should be there on the 14th and ready for shipment to the Federal Register, as well as other agencies, as early as the 18th.

Reclamation has the paperwork that will be used to transmit the NOA to the Federal Register.

Reclamation will sign the paperwork once it has received letters from lead agencies indicating it is o.k. to send the NOA to the Federal Register.

All agencies were contacted last week by Teresa Pacheco and most have sent or are planning to provide their letter today.

Items are published in the Federal Register 3 working days after they are received. If Reclamation's NOA is sent to the Federal Register on the 18th it will be published on the 21st, etc.

On each Friday, EPA publishes a list, in the Federal Register, of all EISs filed the previous 7 days. The 30 day wait period begins when this list is published.

If Reclamation receives the agency letters this week and gets them and the documents to D.C. early Friday, Reclamation's and EPA's NOAs can be published next week. This would mean we could release the documents to the public and start the 30-day wait period as early as next Friday the 21st.

If Reclamation does not transmit the NOA to the Federal Register before the 18th, Reclamation's NOA will not be in the Federal Register until the 24th and EPA's NOA will not be in the Federal Register until the 28th. This would start the 30-day wait period on the 28th.